MONTHLY UPDATE

CIRCULARS/NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY RBI, SEBI AND MCA

30th AUGUST 2016

I. RBI

| S.NO | DATE | CIRCULAR/ NOTIFICATI ON NO. | PARTICULARS | SHORT SUMMARY | EFFECTIVE DATE | ATTACHME NT/ LINK |
|------|------------|--|--|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | 04.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/33 Reference to previous Circular Circular No.113/2003 dated 26.06.2003 | Modification procedure of dishonour of Cheques. | RBI has now allowed the banks to determine their response in case of dishonour of cheques of the account holders. Banks should formulate a policy approved by the Board or its Committee taking into consideration the need to prevent misuse of the cheque drawing facility and avoid penalising customers for unintended dishonour of cheques. | 04.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/33 |
| 2. | 04.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/34 | Implementation of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) on AIFIs. | RBI has advised All-India Term Lending and Refinancing Institutions (AIFIs) to follow the Indian Accounting Standards as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 for Accounting period beginning from April 1, 2018 onwards. | 04.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/34 |

| 3. | 25.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/48 | Repo / Reverse repo in Corporate Debt Securities | RBI has permitted brokers registered with SEBI and authorized as market makers in corporate bond market to undertake repo / reverse repo contracts in corporate debt securities subject to Repo in Corporate Debt Securities (Amendment) Directions 2016. | 2016 RBI/201 17/48 | |
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| 4. | 25.08.2016 | RBI/2016- 17/49 | Market Repo Transactions in Government Securities Market | RBI has relaxed the eligibility conditions and other terms of participation of gilt account holders in the repo market. | 2016 RBI/201 17/49 | |

IMPORTANT MASTER DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY RBI ON 25th AUGUST 2016

| S.NO. | MASTER DIRECTIONS | DATE | ATTACHMENT/LINK |
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| 1. | Master Direction - Non-Banking Financial | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/38 |
| | Companies Acceptance of Public Deposits (Reserve | | |
| | Bank) Directions, 2016 | | |
| 2. | Master Direction - Core Investment Companies | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/39 |
| | (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016 | | |
| 3. | Master Direction - Exemptions from the provisions | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/40 |
| | of RBI Act, 1934 | | |
| 4. | Master Direction - Miscellaneous Non-Banking | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/41 |
| | Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016 | | |
| 5. | Master Direction - Standalone Primary Dealers | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/42 |
| | (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016 | | |
| 6. | Master Direction - Residuary Non-Banking | 25.08.2016 | RBI/DNBR/2016-17/43 |
| | Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016 | 3 | |



II. <u>SEBI</u>

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| | | | | SEBI has made the following changes in case of Mutual Funds and AMCs; | | LINK |
| 1. | 10.08.2016 | SEBI/HO/IMD/ DF2/CIR/P/20 16/68 | Circular on Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies (AMCs) | -Additional exposure limits provided for HFCs in financial services has been increased from 5% to 10%Now AMCs are required to obtain annual certification on voting reports from "scrutinizer" in terms of Rule 20 (3) (ix) of Companies (Management and | 10.08.2016 | SEBI/H O/IMD/ DF2/CI R/P/20 16/68 |
| | | | | Administration) Rules, 2014 in place of Auditor's certification. | | |
| 2. | 10.08.2016 | CIR/IMD/DF1/69/2016 Reference to previous circular CIR/IMD/DF1/9/2015 dated 27.11.2015 | Revised Formats for Financial Results and Implementation of Ind AS by listed Entities. | SEBI has modified the formats for disclosure and publication of financial results and also issued clarifications with regard to implementation of IND AS by listed entities which have listed their debt securities and/or non cumulative redeemable preference shares | 10.08.2016 | CIR/IM D/DF1/ 69/201 6 |
| 3. | 11.08.2016 | SEBI/HO/CDM RD/DEICE/CIR /P/2016/70 | Annual System Audit of Stock Brokers / Trading Members of National Commodity Derivatives Exchanges | SEBI has exempted Type I Brokers (i.e. those using NEAT/BOLT/ Exchange provided direct Terminals) from stock broker system audit from financial year 2016-17 onwards. The same also applies to Type I brokers / | 11.08.2016 | SEBI/H O/CDM RD/DEI CE/CIR /P/201 6/70 |

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| | | | | Trading members of the National Commodity Derivatives Exchanges. Development of NEAT/BOLT/ Exchange provided terminals will be included in the scope of Annual System Audit of the Exchanges. SEBI has issued | | |
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| 4. | 19.08.20 | SEBI/HO/CD RD/DMP/CIR P/2016/73 Reference previous circular SEBI/HO/CD RD/ DMP/CIR/P/2 16/43 dated 29.03. 2016 | Clarifications on modification of Client Codes post Execution of Trades on National and Regional Commodity Derivatives | clarifications with regard to genuine errors and error account in case of modification of client codes. Shifting of trades to the 'Error account' of broker would not be treated as modification of client code, provided that trades in 'Error account' are subsequently liquidated in the market and not shifted to some other code | 19.08.2016 | SEBI/H O/CDM RD/DM P/CIR/ P/2016 /73 |

III. COMPANY LAW

| S.NO | DATE | CIRCULAR/ NOTIFICATI ON NO. | PARTICULARS | SHORT SUMMARY | EFFECTIVE DATE | ATTACHME NT/ LINK |
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| 1. | 12.08.2016 | Notification Dated 12.08.2016 | Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2016. | Amendment to Rule 18 of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 that such rule shall not be applicable to rupee denominated bonds issued exclusively to overseas investors in terms of A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 17 dated September 29, 2015 of RBI. | 12.08.2016 | Notification Dated 12.08.2016 |

Disclaimer:

This is not a complete listing of all circulars/notifications issued during the month.

Instead it is only a listing of some of the circulars/notifications that we considered important.